

Surely, even FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell would agree that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before a national election is clearly an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I fail to see how ordering affiliates to air a biased documentary serves my interest. If Sinclair is going to cater to political extremism so close to the election, then it should be airing two such documentaries, each reflecting a different viewpoint.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate the need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.